



Hundreds of Pennsylvanians are dying on the battlefields—the war is over for them, but not for us. There is still much for us to do. Are we doing it?



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Cites Need For More Victory Gardens In '45

Dr. Mack calls on committees to promote both home growing and preservation throughout state.

By Dr. Warren B. Mack

A good reason for more Victory gardens in Pennsylvania in 1945 is to be found in a recent report of the Pennsylvania Federal-State Crop Reporting Service, which states that acreage of vegetables for fresh market in Pennsylvania was 5 percent less, and value was 18 percent less in 1944 than in 1943. The expected acreage of vegetables for fresh market in 1945, moreover, is no greater than in 1944, both in Pennsylvania and in the United States as a whole. Yields of vegetables to the acre in the United States, furthermore, cannot be expected to equal those in 1944, because, in the country as a whole, weather was unusually favorable for vegetables last year.

Increases in canned vegetable production in 1944 above that in 1943, together with a prospect for continued high production in 1945 hold little reason for the home gardener to relax his efforts, because the government requires ever-increasing quantities of these products. Home canning efforts in this State unfortunately were relaxed somewhat in 1944, with

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2113 Enrolled In State Child Care Centers

A new Child Care Center opened on February 19th at Mooncrest Dwellings, Moon Township, Allegheny County. This Center is sponsored by the Allegheny County School Board and Mrs. Mary N. Hill has been appointed Director. This Center serves both preschool and school age children, and makes a total of 10 centers in Allegheny County.

The Lamokin Center in Chester was forced out of the building when a fire burned part of the roof off the building. However, the equipment was moved over to the Community Building of the Housing Project. The 40 children attending the center are being cared for most adequately. The cooperation of the Housing Manager and the teachers made this possible.

The 80 centers in the State had an enrollment of 2113 on February 24 and is still growing. Well over 5000 different children have attended these Centers, so that for varying periods of time approximately 3000 mothers have been released for war work.

The Delaware County Child Care Center Association took over the operation of the Darby Center as of January 1st and opened a new center at Fairground Homes on March 19th. The other centers operated by

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Governor Edward Martin congratulates Harold G. Gibbs, National Commander of the Society of the 28th Division, A.E.F., on the fine results being obtained in the waste paper salvage drive now being sponsored by the World War I veterans of the Keystone Division. The Governor, who fought with the 28th in France during 1917-'18 and who rose to the rank of Major General commanding the Division, emphasized the vital need for waste paper.

CD Force Helps Save Apartment In York Fire

During the recent \$125,000 fire that swept through the Fox Baking Company plant at York, Civilian Defense forces joined hands with regular firemen in saving an adjoining apartment building which was in the path of the flames.

The fire broke out at 4 o'clock in the morning. The potentialities of the blaze and the shortage of men to fight it caused Fire Chief L. Ellis Wagner to declare the existence of a state of emergency and to call for that reason, upon the York Civilian Defense Corps for assistance.

Col. William H. Beckner, CD commander, was contacted and he immediately sent out a call for volunteers from the ranks of CD auxiliary firemen and other members of the Corps. Several hundred members were on the scene in short order, assisting the regular firemen and giving them relief periods when exhaustion threatened in the severe cold.

All pieces of equipment of the CD corps in the area were on a stand-by basis in the event of another blaze in York.

The Emergency Medical service, with the cooperation of the Red Cross, set up first aid stations.

After the fire had been extinguished, CD equipment was put into action to pump water from the cellars of several properties

Paper Holiday Proclaimed By Governor Martin

Governor Edward Martin has called for the observance of a Paper Holiday in Pennsylvania for the months of April and May.

With the State government setting the example, and calling upon all others to follow, Governor Martin, in an appeal addressed to the people of the State, called upon "all patriotic citizens of this Commonwealth to conserve paper of all kinds, to carry merchandise unwrapped, and to save and turn in to local salvage collections all newspapers, magazines, bags, wrapping paper, cartons, boxes, cereal and cigarette containers, and clean waste basket paper of every kind for the war salvage program."

"Your waste paper," said the Governor, "may save some brave boy's life."

Pennsylvania's Paper Holiday, during which retail stores are asked to urge their customers to bring shopping bags to carry their purchases, and not to wrap or bag articles except for sanitary and protective purposes, is sponsored by the Advisory Committee on Salvage of the State Council of Defense, the Special War Committee on Salvage of the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers' Association, and the Conservation and Salvage Division of the War Production Board.

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OFFICIALS ENDORSE ANTI-INFLATION DRIVE

"Control of food prices to prevent inflation is a responsibility of consumers and dealers alike. The program of Grocer-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign is planned with this idea in mind. An opportunity is given every citizen of Pennsylvania to be helpful in stemming the advance in food prices. I urge that the campaign be given full support." *Floyd Chalfant, Secretary of the Penna. Department of Commerce.*

"Because Pennsylvania is one of the great industrial states of the Union, our war-time payrolls are swollen to abnormally high levels. This constitutes a temptation to both consumers and purveyors of food to buy and sell at over-ceiling prices. Like other indulgences, however, this one is fraught with danger—to both consumer and tradesman alike. It is a practice which, if persisted in, can only cause food prices to rise and lower the purchasing power of the consumer dollar. Buying and selling at over-ceiling prices and without ration points can lead to disastrous inflation, from which everyone must suffer. It is not only our patriotic duty, but common-sense as well, to hold the line of inflation." *William H. Chesnut, Secretary, Department of Labor and Industry.*

CD Workers To Aid In Compiling War Records

Civilian Defense enrollees will work with local or county Historical Societies to obtain first hand information as to war records of residents to be available for reference and as a source of local pride.

This information will be supplemental to data the Department of Military Affairs will compile on the men and women of Pennsylvania in the Armed Forces during World War II.

If Disaster Strikes:

DISASTER PLAN COORDINATOR OUTLINES STEPS TO BE TAKEN

By Col. Lynn G. Adams,
State Coordinator

If a fire gets beyond local control, a flood occurs, an explosion takes place or any other disaster happens, the Local Coordinator should size up the situation as quickly as possible with knowledge of what resources he has in men, equipment and materials. If it is certain that the disaster is too great for local handling, the Coordinator should immediately call the County Control Center to inform the Coordinator and ask for help. Next the County should contact the State Control Center with the request that the State Coordinator be notified at once, giving the situation as briefly as possible and asking for what is

Anti-Inflation Campaign Gets Going In State

Drive jointly sponsored by SCD consumer interests group and OPA to be carried on in press, radio and schools

As a joint plan of the six Pennsylvania District Information Officers of OPA and the Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests, a War Service of the State Council of Defense, March 26-31 has been designated the Pennsylvania Week of the Grocer-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign. Every effort will be made just preceding and during that period to convince each person in the state of his personal responsibility in checking inflation. Many state-wide organizations are urging their membership to participate by using the OPA Shoppers Form during the week, and to devote some part of their April meetings to a discussion of their findings. It is hoped this may be the beginning of an awareness of money costs as well as point costs.

The three state-wide trade organizations interested in a Grocer-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign have given their unqualified endorsement of the Pennsylvania Week of the Campaign. The Pennsylvania Retailer's Association, though not generally concerned with groceries, gives general approval to any effort toward retarding inflation. The Pennsylvania Grocers' Association carried a full column article in their February Journal urging their 7200 member stores to cooperate to the fullest extent. The Pennsylvania Chain Store Council is underwriting two 15-minute state-wide radio broadcasts; Governor Martin will be the speaker on the first program and the second will be an ad lib round table discussion between grocers and consumer (Mr. Fred W. John-

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needed in the way of fire equipment, medical supplies, Red Cross aid, Auxiliary Police or other assistance.

It cannot be emphasized too strongly that Coordinators should keep the State Control Center fully informed of developments in any disaster. Extent of damage, appraisal of dangers, need of help, how much and how soon, are essential.

When the State Coordinator is informed of any situation beyond local control or more than a county Disaster Coordinator and his Panel can handle, the State Coordinator will lay the condition before his Panel and give necessary instructions. For example, Departments of the State Govern-

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Review New SCD Bulletins

Since February 1, several bulletins of importance have been issued by the State Council of Defense and by Colonel Lynn G. Adams, State Coordinator.

Bulletin 8E, dated February 5, urged resurveys by Air Raid & Emergency Wardens so that they would be fully informed on location of aged, infirm, sick, children or others who would have to be evacuated in a hurry. This work has been taken up vigorously and good results were obtained during high water periods in a number of parts of the State.

Bulletin 9E, dated March 8, cautioned people of the danger of War souvenirs sent from overseas and recommended careful examination and steps to avoid explosions.

There was also issued under date of February 3 a memorandum on Pennsylvania's week of Grocers-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign which will be from March 26 to 31.

Disaster Bulletins issued were:

A-3, dated February 28, urging representatives of all Services and Agencies on the State Panel to establish authority in cooperation with County and Local Panels.

A-4, dated February 28, forbade solicitation for funds for Disaster groups on the ground that Red Cross is financially equipped to bear the expenses of relief and other humanitarian services in time of disaster.

A-5, dated March 9, established methods of identification in Disaster and gave notice as to methods of restricting traffic.

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ment will be called upon to state what they can furnish, how soon and what means. Red Cross will be given a like request and so on down the line. When it is ascertained what can be supplied, how soon and by what means, authority will be given and the county Coordinator or the Local Coordinator, as the case may be, will be informed of what help is coming.

The State Coordinator and members of his Panel will stand by until informed that the situation is no longer acute but at the same time they will be ready to furnish additional help or supplies as called for.

This system calls for frequent meetings of Panels, the appointment of competent committees with good chairmen and the holding of committee meetings, so that resources can be listed for the Coordinator's information.

By direction of the Governor,

Lancaster Scrap Nets \$131,181

In the three-year period, February, 1942 to February, 1945, collections of scrap in Lancaster County aggregated 74,898 tons, it is reported by Earl F. Rebman, chairman of the county salvage committee.

A total of \$131,181.32 was received from donated scrap and turned over to the following organizations: Defense Councils, Red Cross, Air Raid Wardens, Boy and Girl Scouts, Smokes for Yanks, Infantile Paralysis Fund, City and County schools, Blind Association, Child Care Center, Salvation Army.

Metal carloadings shipped out of Lancaster County: 1942—925 cars scrap metal; 1943—1,148; 1944—1375.

"The Salvage Committee does not receive a penny for any expense and wants none," Chairman Rebman insists.

resources of the various Departments of the Government of the Commonwealth will be speedily available in time of disaster, including the State Guard and the State Police. The United States Army, the United States Navy and the United States Coast Guard have given assurance their personnel will stand by for any calls which may be made in emergency.

Coordinators at the county and municipal levels have been selected by their own constituted authorities and are men informed as to what can be mobilized and furnished in the way of manpower, fire equipment, supplies, food and other forms of help.

The public should realize that in the event of disaster, people should turn to the Coordinator and that when directions are given, they should be followed fully and without hesitation. Coordinators should be given accurate information as to conditions and persons giving information should be certain they are giving it correctly.

Paper

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Governor Martin's appeal for the voluntary observance of the Paper Holiday pointed out that a "serious shortage of paper exists in the United States, and waste paper is critically needed for the manufacture of thousands of articles of war supplies, as well as containers for blood plasma, drugs, food, munitions for the Armed Services overseas." He said that Pennsylvania's manufacturers of paper and paperboard from time to time have been forced to shut down their plants for lack of waste paper.

"The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania officially inaugurated a salvage program many months ago by which thousands of tons of paper have been conserved and more than 4,000 tons of waste paper salvaged by State departments, boards and institutions under the Governor," the Executive pointed out. This program, he said, would be continued.

Warren R. Roberts, Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Salvage of the State Council of Defense, said:

"Pennsylvania's paper is going to war. The imperative need for increased conservation and salvage of paper is due to the drain on supplies resulting from the stepped up tempo of the war.

"Paper is one of the most critical shortages facing Uncle Sam's war effort. To send more paper to the fighting front, we must use less wrapping paper and salvage more waste paper on the home front. In many cities throughout the State retail stores have pledged to cooperate in this vital campaign.

MAROONED IN ERIE SNOW



Some idea of the trials and tribulations confronting Erie County motorists this winter may be gained from the above photo showing a car, nearly covered by snow, that had to be dug out by the Army. More than 100 inches of snow fell in Erie county since December 11. Standing atop the snow bank is Clarence Pulling (?), deputy coordinator of the Erie County Disaster Committee.

Erie County Disaster Head Acclaimed For Storm Job

Coordinator Robert A. Blair credited for handling well tough assignment in recent snowstorm

"When the town has a job to be done, usually a thankless one and involving hard work, it hunts up Robert A. Blair," reports the Erie Times.

"By vocation, Bob Blair is a chemist. By avocation, a public-spirited hard worker who knows no hours and whose only satisfaction is the feeling of a job well done.

"Until a few years ago, Blair was not too well known around Erie, outside of his own coterie of friends. The public had never heard of him. Then there was a call for volunteers to man the local control center. Blair was among the first to report.

"In time he became commander of the Civilian Defense center, headquarters for an organization highly important during the period when Erie underwent periodic blackouts and daytime alerts. When the threat of enemy raids dissipated and the Defense Council gave way to the Erie Disaster Committee, Blair was again chosen as its head.

"That was late last year when many who watched the disaster committee organize wondered why there should be such a group in Erie. We weren't going to have any raids, were we? Or floods, or anything like that?

"In many cities today no parcels are wrapped in paper except those articles which must be wrapped or bagged for sanitary or protective reasons. After April 1, we hope that this program will be carried into every county, every city, every borough and every township in the State.

"We ask the people of Pennsylvania to be patriotic about paper. Be proud to carry unwrapped parcels. Salvage all waste paper in the homes, in the stores, in the factories and on the farms. Salvage Committees are asked to see that this waste paper is collected promptly. Its need is vital."

"Well, the snows came and that's when the disaster group really went into action and Blair himself demonstrated by long hours and hard work that he was an organizational genius.

"He remained at the helm all day long and late into the night, directing the snow fighting, arranging for the army's arrival, setting up dozens of committees and handling a million and one little details that ran all the way from clearing the driveway of an ailing person so coal could be delivered to getting a sack of feed to starving cattle.

"Mayor Charles R. Barber cleared everything through Blair and, those who watched him work, will tell you that he was more than up to the job.

"It is a fact known to officialdom that without the work of the Disaster Committee and its decision to call the army, Erie's condition would be nothing short of deplorable. In the last couple of weeks Blair's job, working with the mayor and coal dealers, has been the fair distribution of coal. He has acted similarly to keep food and other necessities moving into the city.

"There could be another bad storm or several and coal shipments to the city could cease. Blair will meet those eventualities if they arise. For the present he and his committee are being credited with a job well done."

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this Association are at Glenolden, Tinicum and Upper Darby.

Scranton is planning to open two additional centers during April.

The Allentown Child Care Center Association, which has operated one center since February of 1943, is applying for federal funds to continue this Center and to open a new one to help meet the need for women in industry.

In Bethlehem, the C.I.O. has contributed \$140 to transport children from two housing projects to the Child Care Center in Clearfield Village.

CD Enrollment Drops 72,000

Enrollment in all branches of Civilian Defense in Pennsylvania at the end of January showed a total of 1,410,326. This is a decrease of over 72,000 as compared with the last day of December, the decline being very great in the enrollment in Salvage.

In the Defense Corps or Protective Services the enrollment at the end of January was 563,504, a decrease of 198 and in the War Services a total of 546,682 to which should be added 300,140 in Salvage making a total for War Services of 846,822.

In the Offices of the State Council it was said the decrease in Salvage was due to the readjustment caused by duplications and revision of reports from county organizations.

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resulting depletion of home food stores.

Victory Garden Committees and Subcommittees on Food Conservation, therefore, should promote both home growing and especially home preservation of vegetables and fruits in 1945. Many county and local committees already have begun their campaigns. Schuylkill County, for example, launched its program with a full-page statement of past accomplishments and future objectives, in its county newspaper, subscribed by public and commercial organizations.

The State Council of Defense, in cooperation with the Department of Public Instruction, stands ready to assist in organization of community food conservation kitchens, of which many more are required to meet the present needs. Reports for pressure canning of non-acid vegetables and meats may be lent to such kitchens with the proper sponsorship. The Department of Public Instruction has funds to provide instruction in food production and preservation, up to July 1, and it is anticipated that further Federal support for this program will be forthcoming after that time.

Requests for assistance in organizing neighborhood canning kitchens should be addressed either to the War Services of the State Council of Defense, or directly to the Victory Garden Food Conservation Committee Chairman in charge of the region in which the kitchens are to be located. These are the following:

For Western Pennsylvania—
Mrs. H. M. Aronson
Pittsburgh Garden Center
Schenley Park
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
For Central Pennsylvania—
Mrs. G. Ira Stott
216 South Front Street
Philipsburg, Pennsylvania
For Eastern Pennsylvania—
Mrs. E. J. Garra,
Parkwood Manor
Bywood
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

Media Councilman Lauds Services of CD Workers

Marking a virtual end to the active war-time program of Civilian Defense forces there, Media Councilman Paul L. Clark ordered removal of air raid sand boxes from Media streets.

Civilian Defense workers in Media have been asked to remain on a stand-by status to be available in the event of emergencies or disasters. Councilman G. D. Houtman commended the work of the CD forces and expressed official appreciation for their services during the war emergency.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTIES

Northumberland—Col. Lynn G. Adams, State Coordinator, outlined the State Disaster Plan at a largely attended meeting of Northumberland County CD workers held in the courthouse at Sunbury. Richard A. Jones, county coordinator, presided.

Miss Mary Bulman made a fervent plea for more nurses' aides and for recruiting nurses courses. Sunbury Police Chief Madison W. Beers spoke on police protection and regulations during emergency.

George L. Stahl, who is coordinator of the Sunbury disaster committee as well as the Red Cross, told of the setup in his work. Joseph L. Ray, Williamsport District OPA director, told what measures the OPA would take in the allotment of kerosene, gasoline, boots and particularly food in the event of a flood or disaster.

Lancaster—A permanent Emergency and Disaster Relief organization for Lancaster to function in case of any natural disaster has been effected under the direction of Coordinator Col. Charles P. Stahr.

Under the new setup the Lancaster County Office of Civilian Defense, remains intact. Col. Stahr named a Panel that will function in case of a natural disaster and immediate steps were taken to prepare for possible spring floods.

McKean, Elk and Warren Counties—Representatives of Civilian Defense agencies in McKean, Elk and Warren counties met in Kane to hear Col. Lynn G. Adams, State Coordinator, explain the function of the State Disaster Plan.

Col. Adams was accompanied to Kane by A. L. Cotton, regional representative. Both emphasized that the Civilian Defense organization was on a "stand-by" basis. The meeting was held in the office of Emile Stenger, McKean County CD chairman.

Cambria—No arrangement is being overlooked by the Johnstown Disaster Relief Committee in its preparations to cope with any emergency that might arise, it was indicated at a meeting of CD workers. Mayor Arthur L. Schwing, chairman, and Joseph A. Straub, coordinator, were in charge.

In the event of any emergency Mayor Schwing will serve as dispenser of official information and will give all orders necessary to take care of the situation.

Surveys are being made to register all residents of low-lying areas who may be affected by floods.

Columbia—Columbia County CD Council has set up an organization to deal with any eventuality which may arise.

Ralph C. Wible, county coordinator, has named as local chairmen the Rev. Harry K. Franks of Bloomsburg, the Rev. Reed O. Steely of Berwick and Burgess L. G. Rhoads of Catawissa.

One of the most important phases of the organization is to provide as much warning as possible for river residents in case the flood stage appears imminent.

Lehigh—Offers far exceeded requests in a recent "sled salvage" plan conducted by the Lehigh County Council of Defense, according to Gen. Frank D. Beary, chairman.

Philadelphia—A hypothetical situation arising from a hurricane was the basis of a recent demonstration of teamwork expected of law enforcement agencies and civilian defense workers staged at exercises held

in a Philadelphia armory. Representatives of the Third Service Command, Pennsylvania Guard State Police and the Department of Public Safety joined CD workers in the exercise.

Luzerne—At a recent meeting the County Control Center Staff of Luzerne County Council of Defense, of which William B. Healey is commander, adopted a set of recommendations presented by Col. T. H. Atherton, chairman of Civic Defense. Necessary action to be taken in the event of floods was also decided upon.

Fayette—Fayette County's Disaster Plan became a certainty recently with the organization of a county panel in charge of Eugene E. Fike, county coordinator. Heads of the various political subdivisions are to designate coordinators to act for them in order to put the plan in operation. At the county level, a Control Center will be maintained. At this Center there will be a panel consisting of representatives of the Red Cross, Civilian Defense, firemen, police and others called into action during a disaster.

Schuylkill—The Victory Garden Committee with the support of a number of Pottsville business houses has obtained printing in most of the newspapers of the county of a full page advertisement giving valuable hints on Victory Gardens including preparation of grounds, seeding cultivation, tools and other essential details. Schuylkill County is going in for the largest Victory Garden lists since the organization of Civilian Defense.

Berks—Salvage operations during the month of February, it is believed will run very high. Berks which includes the city of Reading, had a notable collection in January and in spite of weather conditions in the second month of the year assembled a great amount of waste paper. Attention is also being given to iron and steel scrap, tin cans, fats and other essential salvaged products. Proceeds of the sale of all salvage is turned over to operation of the Berks County-Reading Council of Defense and other activities. In fact, Civilian Defense is entirely financed from the proceeds of salvage.

Cumberland—County Commissioners have appointed Eugene L. Martin, prominent Carlisle business man as County Coordinator succeeding John Riley who resigned. Mr. Martin has had wide experience in Civic Affairs and is thoroughly resources in Cumberland County in men, equipment, materials and everything else that is going to be necessary in times of disaster whether war-caused or natural.

Lancaster—Over one hundred cots and a like number of blankets were rushed from the reserve supplies of the Lancaster County Council of Defense with which Red Cross is closely connected to Marietta at the time of the high water caused by a gorge forming in the Susquehanna River. Not all of these materials were needed. It was a fine demonstration of the readiness of Lancaster County to furnish aid and the speed with which it was placed at the disposal of coordinator Rich in Marietta.

Philadelphia—In spite of weather conditions Judge Harry S. McDevitt conducted some ambulance drills in certain parts of the city, in which speed and full personnel and equipment

ARNOLD CD POLICE UNIT



Above is pictured "an average turnout" of the Arnold Auxiliary Police organization, according to Henry H. Singer, Commander. With the 32 policemen are pictured CD Chairman Mayor M. F. Horne, Chief of Police George Frickanisce and Commander Singer.

figured materially. Philadelphia has made a notable record for Civilian Defense, not only in Pennsylvania but in the country by the manner in which volunteers have investigated requests for rations of fuel. They found many cases of extreme need and Judge McDevitt's organization acted very promptly in bringing it to the attention of the federal authorities in charge of rationing.

Lackawanna—Lackawanna Council of Defense and Disaster Coordinator Chiefs set a fine example of getting together with all agencies in the carrying out of the Disaster Plan, including elements of the Protective and War Services Branches, the Red Cross and Community organizations. A meeting was held at which everyone spoke his or her mind and a general agreement was reached. Lackawanna county was in readiness to meet anything.

Wayne—The Wayne County Coordinator organization of which James Rutherford of Honesdale is the County Coordinator was very much on the job when signs of high water appeared the latter part of February. Wayne County was the victim of flash floods a couple of years ago and the people in Civilian Defense knew what such visitations mean. The result was that Mr. Rutherford had people on the alert along the Delaware and other streams for any signs of high water which would prove troublesome.

Luzerne County—Colonel Thomas H. Atherton, Chairman of the Luzerne County Council of Defense made a visit to State Disaster Headquarters and informed Colonel Lynn G. Adams that Luzerne people representing every portion of the county had held a meeting at which a general plan was adopted and agreement had on all details. Close watch was kept on the Susquehanna River during the latter part of February and frequent messages and bulletins were issued so that persons connected with the Disaster System were fully informed. The Luzerne County Commissioners and the Disaster Coordinators have an organization which goes into every district in the county, comparable to that of Civilian Defense, which has proved its efficiency in Salvage and many other ways.

Warren County—County Coordinator, Forest Waite, spent

Arnold Proud Of Police Unit

Arnold Defense Council has an active Auxiliary Police organization with a present enrollment of 71 men, reports Henry H. Singer, CD Commander of that place.

The Arnold unit was organized in February, 1942. Members took a two-year police training course under the direction of Lieut. Frickanisce (now Arnold's Chief of Police), and met weekly during that period of time.

The men have been thoroughly trained, not only for Civilian Defense during war time, but have had a complete police school program and are ready for any sort of civilian disaster. Each volunteer has had a minimum of 200 hours of instruction and an average of approximately 400 hours of volunteer service apiece. The group, as a whole, has a record of over 35,000 hours of service.

On several occasions, the unit has helped the regular Arnold police force in a manner as proposed under the new State Disaster Plan. The Auxiliary Police club meets at least once a month, pursuing supplementary instruction.

"Arnold is fortunate in having such a fine group as a nucleus for the new Civilian Disaster Plan," Commander Singer states.

some sleepless nights during the later part of February owing to a gorge down the Allegheny which has backed up water and gave Warren a flood scare and on top of that a young blizzard occurred. The Warren County Civilian Defense aided materially in the organization to meet any disaster.

Dauphin—Doctor William J. Ross, Chairman of the Victory Garden Committee has issued a public notice that persons desiring to secure plots for gardening should make application immediately. The City of Harrisburg and some large property owners will make many acres available to Victory gardeners. Similar steps are being taken in Steelton and Middletown and there will be extensive Victory Gardening in Hershey and Millersville areas.

Members of Sector 11, Post 54 Air Raid Wardens of the Harrisburg Council of Defense is maintaining headquarters at 229 Muench Street and holding regular meetings. This group

CDVO BRIEFS

York CDVO reports 15,240 volunteers working in various Civilian War Activities. Block leaders number 500 in the city.

Erie CDVO is setting up a "military record" file of all Erie County service men and women for the Erie County Historical Society. A card has been prepared covering information desired, all military historical data to be added from time to time. A clipping service is to be maintained for source material. Such work comes properly within the function of CDVO and it is hoped that more Volunteer Offices will become interested in such a project.

made an excellent record during practice blackouts and has been on a stand by basis for any disaster or emergency service. The group issues a bulletin regularly and pays tribute to members who enter the Armed Forces.

Berks—Carpenter Steel Company of Reading is among the manufacturing concerns recommended for the National Security Award. Ceremonies will be held later in the Spring.

Allegheny—New Kensington Civilian Defense and Red Cross Disaster committees have coordinated their work to deal with any disaster—flood, fire or enemy action—which might occur. The OCD organization is in charge of W. F. Crowley. The Red Cross committee is chairmanned by R. E. French, aided by A. G. Sullivan, M. K. Alter and D. H. Anderson with Mrs. C. A. Wolfson in charge of the Red Cross canteen.

Beaver—In readiness for duty should disaster of any form occur, 16 committees comprised of Beaver County citizens with George W. Roark as coordinator have received instructions as to their obligations and have effected an organization to work swiftly and surely to alleviate whatever crises may develop. Chairmen include: Communications and Signals—State Police Sgt. Thomas E. Jones; County Law Enforcement, Ray P. McKenny; Public Utilities, Earl D. Smith, W. J. Toner and D. W. Brown; Council of Defense, Art W. Coombs; Military Affairs, George Stauffer and Boy Scouts, Joe Barnett.

URGE MORE GARDENS

The importance of continuation of Victory Gardens this year was stressed at a meeting of the West Chester Victory Garden Committee, headed by Samuel Gray, and gardeners. Mrs. E. Page Allinson, program chairman of the National Garden Club, reviewed action taken at a Washington Victory Garden Conference she attended, and Robert Powers, assistant county agency of the Agricultural Extension Association, showed colored slides and explained how to have a successful garden.

Disconnect Siren

Sharon's city-leased telephone circuit connecting Civilian Defense air raid sirens and the control center have been disconnected.

Re-Activate Police

Auxiliary police units of Johnstown and Bradford were recently re-activated for service in any emergency that may arise and were enlisted in the new coordinated disaster relief organization of the two communities.

Red Cross Supplies Go To Prisoners of War

The American Red Cross is calling attention to recent developments particularly in the European Theater of War bringing to mind more forcibly the need for strengthening services to Prisoners of War and to next of kin.

Recent statistics reveal that there are approximately 60,000 Prisoners of War from the United States in German prison camps since "D" Day. The number of Pennsylvanians imprisoned during this period is 4,959 as compared with Ohio, a neighboring state—3,096. Every indication is that these figures will increase rapidly as information is released by the War Department concerning Prisoners of War taken in connection with the present European offensive. The American Red Cross has assumed the responsibility for the preparation and shipment and delivery of relief supplies to Prisoners of War including supplies provided by the expenditure of its own funds and those provided by the War and Navy Departments or other agencies.

Approximately 250,000 standard food packages and other supplies for Americans in other prison camps have been shipped aboard the exchange ship Gripsholm now enroute to Marseilles.

The Gripsholm will bring back seriously sick and wounded prisoners of war who are being exchanged as well as American civilian internees released by advancing armies. Medical supplies, comfort articles and clothing for prisoners of war were also in the cargo as well as parts and supplies for the 50 American Red Cross trucks used in France for transport to Marseilles and Toulon and to Geneva for distribution to the various prison camps. Three American Red Cross workers are aboard the Gripsholm to assist the returning prisoners and internees to begin their adjustment to normal living at home. There is scarcely a community that has not been affected because of imprisonment of one or more of their members and it is suggested that every American living at home should do all in their power to help the returning prisoner and give comfort to the families of prisoners now in camps.

\$1306 in Treasury

The Monongahela Civilian Defense Council has a balance of \$1,306.95 in its treasury, according to Thomas A. Wilson, treasurer.

Wilson has suggested that this money be turned over to the War Memorial Fund of the community at the end of the war.

HAPPY FACES IN TEEN-AGE CENTERS



Best evidence that Teen-Age Centers are proving popular throughout the State may be noted in the expressions on the faces of the young people pictured above. Top photo shows a dance room group in the Grove City Center.

Below (at the left) is photographed the game room of the Meadville Youth Center. The picture at the bottom right was snapped during lunch hour time in the West Chester Community Center.

50 Teen-Age Centers Now In Operation

With 50 Centers now in operation, the Teen-Age Center program of the State Council of Defense is now fully established and expanding with leaps and bounds.

Requests are being received daily at SCD headquarters for guidance and aid in opening new Centers in communities throughout the Commonwealth, for which there is a definite need.

The State Council offers material aid to accredited Centers of up to \$500 in needed recreational equipment. The program is under the jurisdiction of Mrs. Worthington Scranton, Commander of War Services, and Harry Hirsch, Director, whose office is in the Capitol Building, Harrisburg.

From various cities and towns are being received letters of appreciation of the fine cooperation given in helping to open Teen-Age Centers. Communities irrespective of size or population are eligible for this SCD aid. These Centers are not the responsibility of one small group or individual but rather should be the responsibility of the whole community, Director Hirsch emphasizes.

Typical of the letters of appreciation being received by SCD is one from Jack Leisenring, Advisor, of South Williamsport's "Teen Kanteen", Pennsylvania's original youth center. He offers to assist any community interested in getting a youth center going.

Mr. Leisenring sets forth the following rules and regulations prevailing in the South Williamsport Kanteen:

The Kanteen will be open Wednesday 7 to 10 p. m. and Saturdays 7:30 to 11 p. m.

The chaperon on duty has complete charge and must be obeyed at all times.

There must be NO SMOKING, NO GAMBLING, NO PROFANITY in the Kanteen. No "rough-house" will be permitted.

This is YOUR CLUB. You should be pleased with its

appearance, so help to keep it clean.

Do not mark the walls. Return empty soft drink bottles to the bar. Do not set bottles on ping-pong tables or furniture, as this will damage the finish.

Do not monopolize the amusements. Give others a chance to have a good time.

Anti-Inflation

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son, President of the Pennsylvania Chain Store Council, Mr. Charles von Tagen, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Grocers' Association and Mrs. Conway Zirkle, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests of the State Council of Defense) on the disastrous way inflation may affect both groups.

Beside the two 15-minute broadcasts, the OWI is sending spot announcements during the last two weeks of March to all of Pennsylvania's radio stations about the Pennsylvania Week of the Grocer-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign and its intentions. Also the Pennsylvania OPA District Information Officers are devoting whatever time is necessary of their numerous radio periods to the dangers of inflation. The 32 weekly radio programs of the Home Economics Extension Service operating out of the Pennsylvania State College throughout the state plan to use material we send them.

The 2200 School Principals in the state have received kits of material on Inflation Dangers with the request relayed by Dr. Francis B. Haas, Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction, that schools plan some observance of the Pennsylvania Week against Inflation.

Mats of the Shoppers Form have been sent all daily papers in the state. It is hoped that they will be printed for shoppers to clip them out and use. The Associated Press, United Press and International News Service have agreed to send out over their wires the news releases we provide.

Between the press, radio and many large state-wide organizations, all of whose members are consumers, we expect that a

majority of Pennsylvania's 9,000,000 inhabitants may be warned of increasing living costs, provided they do their personal part in avoiding the Black Market and paying no more than legal prices. It is hoped that everyone may make a point of taking part in the Pennsylvania Week of the Grocer-Consumer Anti-Inflation Campaign, since it is a matter of common sense and self-protection.

Girls' Defense Corps Active at Washington

Since June 6, 1941 the Pennsylvania Girls' Defense Corps of Washington, Pa., has been constantly serving that community in various capacities earning widespread recognition for a job well done.

Volunteer services in which the Girls' Corps have been engaged include:

War Price and Rationing Board—with the Price Panel and in clerical work at the board office. Solicitors in Red Cross drives. Chaperones at "The Haven"—local youth center. Ushers at various performances at the high school. Assisting in registrations at Selective Service office.

The entire corps has been "typed" at the Washington Hospital so as to be available for call as emergency blood donors.

Dr. Hutchison Member Of Surplus Committee

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, SCD Executive Director and President of Washington and Jefferson College, has been named a member of a committee to confer with the surplus Property Administration relative to the acquisition by educational institutions of surplus property.

Dr. Hutchison was appointed to the post by the Commissioner of Education after having been nominated by the Association of American Colleges.

The committee has been made into a continuing committee to represent the educational interests of the Nation in the disposition of all surplus properties in the post-war era.

Army Nurses Being Recruited

National and State Nursing organizations have endorsed the recommendations of President Roosevelt to secure sufficient nurses to meet the urgent needs of the military services.

No definite action has resulted as yet from the President's recommendation but in the meantime local Nursing Councils for War Service, in cooperation with local Red Cross Recruitment Committees are making every effort to secure the enrollment of more nurses in the Army and Navy Nurse Corps. Red tape has been slashed left and right to speed the processing of all applications. The Army needs 20,000 nurses as quickly as possible and this means at least 10% of the number must come from Pennsylvania.

Since January 1st, over 800 Pennsylvania nurses have been classified 1-A by Nursing Procurement and Assignment Service. This classification indicates they are eligible and available for military service and are invited to apply for commissions in the military services. Many have already done so and others will follow in the coming weeks.

Mary M. Bulman, Nursing Consultant for the State Council of Defense, is in the field most of the time assisting local nursing councils with classification of local nurses so that military nursing needs, as well as civilian needs, may be met as quickly as possible.

Veterans Spur Paper Salvage

Early returns from the current waste paper salvage drive honoring the men of the present 28th Division indicates that the veterans of the old 28th who are sponsoring the drive are doing an outstanding job.

Harold G. Gibbs, national commander of the Society of the 28th Division, A.E.F., reports that veterans of the Keystone Division of 1917-'18 are united in this effort to honor the men of today who are adding so much glory to the traditions of the old outfit.

This drive to collect waste paper in honor of the soldiers of the present 28th Division began February 12 and will continue until Army Day, April 6. The various Posts of the Society of the 28th Division throughout Pennsylvania and the membership of the Society-at-large are cooperating closely with the County Salvage Chairmen to assure the success of the drive.

OPA Director Thanks CDVO For Assistance

A grand total of 227,182 hours have been served by CDVO volunteers in helping to carry on the work of War Price and Rationing Boards in Allegheny County.

In a letter of thanks to Mrs. Anne C. Rinehart, Allegheny CDVO Director, Alvin J. Williams, Pittsburgh District OPA Director, stated:

"As a representative of a Government Agency, may I extend through you the thanks of this Agency. We do this with the consciousness that the real remuneration which these ladies have is their own personal feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction that they have made a real contribution to the war effort. I personally know of the effort which you have made which has resulted in this splendid showing, and take this opportunity to extend to you my appreciation."